

**The Programme for Urgent Improvement of Water Sector
for the Host Communities of Syrian Refugees in Northern Governorates
Phase 2 Inauguration**

On 17 October 2023, “The Programme for Urgent Improvement of Water Sector for the Host Communities of Syrian Refugees in Northern Governorates Phase 2” funded by the Government of Japan (project cost: around 20.7 million USD) was inaugurated in the presence of H.E. Eng. Raed Abu Soud, Minister of Water and Irrigation, Mr. Mohammad Usman Akram Representative and Director of UNOPS Operational Hub in Amman, Dr. Nabil Kofahi, Governor of Greater Irbid Municipality, and Mr. OKUYAMA Jiro, Ambassador of Japan to Jordan.

This project aims to promote the effective and efficient use of limited water resource by renovating water distribution pipelines and relocating the house connections in Hawwara and Sarieh districts in Irbid, both of which have hosted a large number of refugees.

The government of Japan extended grant assistance of 22.8 million USD in 2014 to the first phase of this project, and has been continuously supporting the water sector in Jordan affected by the influx of refugees from Syria.

